

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7pm, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 4/10/13 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Scee received an invitation for Town officials to attend a seminar by the Government Finance Institute at J Finns in Sackets Harbor on June 14 from 9-4. Supervisor Scee met with the organizers of the 1812 Challenge ½ Marathon which will be held on September 1st and there will be a safety meeting for this event on May 15th for involved Municipalities and Fire Departments. An invitation was received to sponsor the Taste of New York event to be held in Sackets Harbor. A notice was received from the Neighbors of Watertown that a workshop is held every 1st Wednesday of the month to help people who are facing a foreclosure.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for April: Total receipts \$266,208.72, Total disbursements \$165,312.26, Total in checking account \$250,456.86, Total investments \$751,384.45.

A motion was made by C'man Young and C'man Battista 2nd to accept the Supervisor's Report for April. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #5, vouchers # 240-301 was presented: General Fund A \$15,461.94, General Fund B \$475.55, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$84.72, Highway Fund A \$15,486.94, Highway Fund B \$8,512.11, Water Dist. 2 \$3,518.02, Water Dist. 5 \$53,960.86, Water Dist. 1 \$737.69, Water Dist. 4 \$611.99, Water Dist. 3 \$1,695.25, Water Dist. 5 Capital Fund \$42,374.62, Abstract Total \$142,919.69.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay the bills in abstract #5, vouchers #240-301. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and he made a motion to appoint Carson Lennox to be a member of the Water Committee. C'man Farrington 2nd this motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and it was 2nd by C'man Young for Resolution #13-28, to adopt proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, to establish rules, regulations and water rents for Town of Hounsfield Water Districts Nos. 1,2,3,4, and 5. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee also reported that he attended a Comprehensive Plan meeting where plans were made for the two public forums. C'man Lee made a motion and C'man Young 2nd to release \$1500 to finish the Comprehensive Plan with Syracuse University. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

He also met with Rural Development about the first step for Water District 6 and will meet with NYSERDA next week about solar.

C'man Lee also attended a conference and learned about agricultural parks and waste management.

C'man Young reported on events of East Hounsfield Library and the Hay Memorial Library. The East Hounsfield Library is looking for two new trustees. He also attended the conference at Blue Mountain Lake and attended the Economic Development Committee meeting.

C'man Battista reported on the Fire Department events which included the chicken barbecue by the Ladies Auxiliary of Sulphur Springs on June 8th at noon. A vote was taken to purchase a new fire truck. A review of the By Laws will be done. A committee has been formed to look at the building at Fire Station # 2 to see what repairs need to be done and to create a plan to make repairs in the next 2 ó 5 years. Training was held.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Recreation Commission meeting and there is a new chairperson which leaves an ôat largeö position vacant. Summer Rec and Baseball are on track. The work on the gardens has started and C'man Lee mentioned that there are grants available for recreation.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of April. He had a request for help to move the fire pits back from the road at the Fire Station #2 property on Co. Rt. 62 and he asked the Board if they approve of this project and the Board agreed that the Town should help the Fire Dept.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to purchase a waste oil

furnace for the highway building for approximately \$5,000. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee suggested that the Board have a work session with the Highway Superintendent to discuss road conditions. This was set for May 22, 2013 at 7 pm.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for the month of April. She also reported that she attended a Water Committee meeting and a Cemetery Committee meeting.

The Zoning Officer gave a monthly report and she also requested a laptop to use in her office and for ZBA and Planning Board meetings. She also brought up promoting cleaning up in the Town and the need to revamp the Zoning Law.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to spend up to \$400 to purchase a laptop for the Zoning and Planning departments.

Corey Reid was present representing Bernier Carr Assoc. with an update on Water District 5 project.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution # 13-27 to schedule a Public Hearing on June 12, 2013, at 7 PM to allow public comment on the transfer of tax parcel 81.14-1-46.9 (vacant land on Storrs Road) from the Town of Hounsfield to Robert J. Ritz, to combine it with his pre-existing lot, via a Quit Claim Deed and in consideration of \$0.00 except for filing fees. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

A request was made again that the Water Superintendent be notified of a fire call in the Town so he can make enough water available to the Fire Dept. to fight the fire. C'man Battista will have the Fire Chief contact 911 dispatch and have them contact the Water Superintendent for fire calls.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the resignation of Eileen Townsend as ZBA and Planning Board secretary and to appoint Cheryl Crandall to the position. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held about hiring another person or company to repair and work with computers at the Town offices. Quotes will be brought in to the Board for review.

At this time the floor was opened for comments and a comment was made about the fund balance for the comprehensive plan and a request was made to put a notice on the Fire Department web site for the chicken barbecue.

Announcements were made for Memorial Day events and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Submitted by,
Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk